



Kia ora e te whanau

On Thursday, our entire Year 12 group attended a day long programme facilitated by the New Zealand Police on behalf of the Sophie Elliot Trust.

The aim of the Sophie Elliot Trust is to help prevent violence by raising awareness of young people and their families and friends to the dangers of unsafe, violent and abusive relationships.

The Trust aims to help young people proactively identify and avoid such relationships. Intended steps include:

- educating young people about the dangers of unsafe, violent and abusive relationships
- empowering young people to take positive action
- equipping young people with the skills needed to identify early warning signs and the resources and support necessary to avoid becoming involved in unsafe, violent and abusive relationships.

The feedback I have received has once again been very positive and I invite whanau to visit the link below to find out more about what the day involves. <http://www.sophieelliottfoundation.co.nz/loves-me-not/>

The PPTA has decided to continue with further industrial action next week by rostering home Year 9 students on Tuesday. This follows the major strike that occurred on Wednesday this week. In this newsletter, we are informing parents and whanau of the PPTA's intention to conduct further industrial action over the remainder of Term 2. I want to make it clear that should resolution be met between the PPTA and the government then all industrial action will cease. It is my personal hope that this occurs sooner rather than later.

Nga mihi nui
Dave Hunter
Principal

PPTA Strike Action

Following the National one day strike on Wednesday, we have been advised that there will be a series of rostering home of students which is outlined below. This means that on Tuesday 4 June 2019 there will be no classes for Year 9 students.

Rostering Home

Week 6	Year 9 students	Tuesday 4 June 2019
Week 7	Year 10 students	Tuesday 11 June 2019
Week 9	Year 11 students	Tuesday 25 June 2019
Week 10	Year 12 students	Tuesday 2 July 2019

As well as above mentioned rostering home, Otago is scheduled for a rolling strike on **Wednesday 19 June 2019** which means that all PPTA members will be on strike for the day and the college will be closed.

We recognise this is an inconvenience for parents/caregivers as well as having an impact on learning and we hope for a speedy resolution to the contract negotiations.

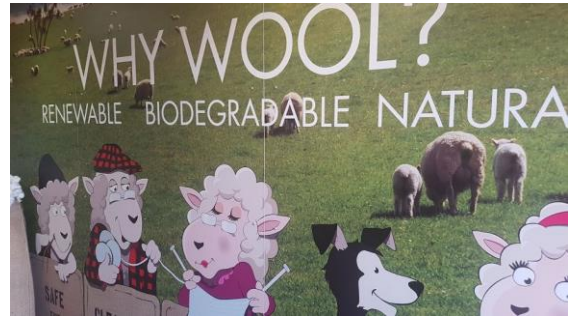
If resolution is met with the government during this time, then proposed industrial action will cease. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the college office.





Primary Industries

For the next two weeks Taieri College is lucky enough to have the Woolshed at our school. The woolshed is an interactive container put together by the NZ Wool Board showing students the wool story from sheep's back to the finished products. The students get to learn everything there is to know about how wool is produced and the importance of it to the New Zealand Economy. Kevin Waldron, our local PGG Wool Broker, has also been calling along to answer any questions about the famous product.



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Biology Trip



Last Tuesday 42 Year 13 Biology students spent the night at Orokonui eco sanctuary. The students were investigating relationships between leaf morphology and environmental factors. With the help of the Botany and Ecology student volunteers from the University of Otago, our students spent the evening planning their investigations and went for a late night bush walk with the hope of hearing/seeing kiwi. Early in the morning they set out into the eco sanctuary to collect their data and take environmental measurements. The education centre was set up as a make shift laboratory as students spent the afternoon making slides, measuring surface area of leaves and processing their data. A highlight for Mr Fitzgerald was getting up close with the Takehe.



Hockey News

Congratulations to Jordan Miller for making the southern women's U18 team and Mackenzie Miller for making the southern women's U18 development team.

We wish them well for their upcoming tournaments.

Jordan and Mackenzie Miller



Year 7 Special Recognitions

This is a new initiative in Year 7. Students have had the opportunity to report any significant recognitions obtained either in or out of school, thus far this year. These will be shared at today's Period 5 Year 7 assembly run by 7HU. The next opportunity will include recognitions obtained between this assembly and the next assembly.

7RL Special Recognitions

James Andrews got a 5 wicket bag as a bowler in cricket during the Kavanagh versus Taieri College Year 7/8 cricket game.

Charlie Johnston earned 3rd place in the National Mountain Biking Championships in the 10-11 year old mixed age group in Invercargill on Saturday 30 March 2019.

Keira Hughes received three silver medals and two bronze medals at the Wanaka Swim Meet last Sunday 26 May 2019. This also included three new personal best times including a 34 second official 50m Freestyle time.

Sophie Horton received four trophies in the recent, Mosgiel Pony Club prize giving for show jumping, attendance, turn out and best novice rider.

Keira Hughes was selected for the Otago Regional Development Swimming Squad. This means she will attend extra specialist training workshops and opportunities in swimming development and the team will travel to Sydney to compete in two years' time.

7HU Special Recognitions

On Saturday 11 May 2019 the NZ Grappling Competition was held at the Mosgiel OFC on Gladstone Rd. This is carried out in the sport of Ju Jitsu. Tyler Lubbe of 7HU received a silver medal for the under 55kg weight class in gey.

On Wednesday 22 May 2019 Tahlia Mortimer of 7HU received her Silver Endeavour award from Girl Guides.

7MR Special Recognitions

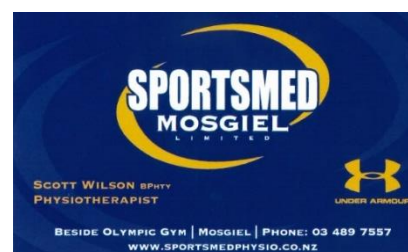
Hasse Verlinden came third in her weight group in the Grappling competition on 11 May 2019. This was a competition that attracted competitors from the whole of NZ. Hasse does Grappling every Monday and Wednesday at the Olympic Fight Centre.

Holly Pool's team gained 1st place for her group's performance at a Dunedin Rhythmical Gymnastics competition which was held on the 25 May 2019.

Physio at Taieri College

In Terms 2 and Term 3, students will be able to have physio at Taieri College. We have Scott Wilson, Physiotherapist, from Sportsmed Mosgiel who will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays 11am – 12.30pm. Students need to have a consent form signed by a parent and complete an ACC form.

Appointments for Physio can be made at Student Support.



Arts Corner #3

The Arts department has been a hive of activity this term with the choir busy gearing up for the Big Sing in the Dunedin Town Hall on 12 June 2019. We have been fortunate enough to receive tuition from the wonderful John Buchanan who led the highly successful Dunstan choir. We also had a workshop with Dr Andrew Withington who has directed many successful choirs such as the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Choir. These tutorings have been exponentially helpful and we are excited for Taieri College to return to the Big Sing stage.

The Arts Council have started an initiative called "Break Time Live" held on Thursdays at Break 2, for students to enjoy free performances and other arts related activities. So far we have held successful Theatre Sports and performances from Level 2 and 3 solo portfolios. Everyone is encouraged to head along for something fun to do in your break and to escape the cold!



We also have Rockquest Heats fast approaching on 8 June 2019 held here in our Performing Arts Centre. Our bands have been hard at work and are ready to put on a good show. If you are interested in coming along to support our bands door sale tickets are available on the day.

Rehearsals are coming along nicely for our production "High School Spoofical" held early on in Term 3. The Drama department has also been busy with the Level 2 play on the connection between language and violence. It is on the 3rd of July at 4.00pm and the 4th of July at 7.00pm. It is not suitable for under 16s, but older students are welcome to come watch! The Level 3 Drama class are performing in Toitu Museum on the 7 June 2019. They have had professional playwrights and actors help them put this play on. They are also excited to be going to the pop up Shakespeare Globe in June. We have a Taieri College team called "Bow Taieri" in the Theatre Sports championships early next term; congratulations to these performers.

Mia and Zac



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- Offers a university entrance qualification recognised by all New Zealand universities
- Prepares students academically for their first year of university.

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- A guaranteed place in a University of Otago Hall of Residence
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